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1. LONDON "TIMES" CARRIES FRONT-PAGE STORY DATELINED
BERLIN WITH CAPTION "NIXON HINT OF NEW POLICY OVER
EUROPE ALARMS BONN." ARTICLE BEGINS "THE PRECARIOUS
STATE OF AMERICAN-EUROPEAN RELATIONS BECAME EVIDENT
TODAY WITH THE NEWS OF A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT NIXON
TO CHANCELLOR BRANDT." THE LETTER, ACCORDING TO
ARTICLE, "IS UNDERSTOOD TO SUGGEST THAT THERE WAS
LITTLE POINT IN CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS OVER DEFINING
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RELATIONS BETWEEN THE NINE AND THE US BECAUSE THE US

WAS AT PRESENT REASSESSING THE STATE OF ITS LINKS WITH WESTERN EUROPE." ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT LETTER IS "PROOF THAT A FUNDAMENTAL NEW DECISION WITH REGARD TO EUROPE HAS BEEN TAKEN IN WASHINGTON."

2. "GUARDIAN" CARRIES PAGE THREE STORY BY HELLA PICK DATELINED WASHINGTON WITH CAPTION "US MAY DROP SUPPORT FOR UNITED EUROPE." OPENING PARAGRAPH STATES: "THE US IS ON THE POINT OF SHELIVING THE POLICY OF ENCOURAGING EUROPEAN UNITY ... AND MAY ABANDON, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY ITS MUCH PUBLICIZED INITIATIVE TO DEFINE FORMALLY THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE EC AND THE US." ARTICLE THEN REVIEWS US CRITICISMS OF EC FAILURE TO CONSULT AND NOTES THAT SONNENFELDT, HARTMAN, AND DONALDSON WILL BE IN BRUSSELS THIS WEEK "TO MAKE A FURTHER ASSESSMENT OF EUROPEAN WILLINGNESS TO CONSULT AND COOPERATE WITH THE US."

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